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Thanks and congratulations to all who participated in the May 20-21 Orientation Session! Attendance at the session exceeded expectations with almost 200 individuals attending. Although some projects had already begun working on their implementation efforts, many others got off to a good start with the project team meetings.

Through this meeting projects were able to complete their project plans, determine the best means of implementing projects, and get to know other team members. The completed project plans will be reviewed by IowAccess staff and common elements will be discussed at the May 28 Project Leads Meeting.

For Project Team members who were not able to attend the session, information will be forwarded to them regarding the days' activities.

Project Leads Meeting

As noted last week, a meeting for all Project Leads has been scheduled for Thursday, May 29 from 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. at the Hotel Fort Des Moines (10th and Walnut, Des Moines). This meeting will cover various issues of concern to all Project Leads including: reporting requirements, project monitoring, project integration, and budgeting. All Project Leads will receive a formal letter of invitation from Jim Youngblood within the next few days.

Efforts are underway to bring in a WINGS representative and a representative of a non-profit organization that helps states develop similar infrastructures. Project leads will discuss a general direction and platform for the Citizen Information Network -- so this is a very important meeting for all projects. Pending the availability of these guests, the meeting may be held over the ICN. If there is a change in location, we will let you know ASAP.

E-mail and Web Site

Don't forget that you can reach us at our e-mail address if you have questions or comments -- Iowaccess@max.state.ia.us. Information will available on the IowAccess web page within the next few weeks. As a reminder, the site address is www.state.ia.us/iowaccess/index.htm.

IowAccess has been chosen as the name for the intergovernmental effort that encompasses 13 technology projects, a Steering Committee, and a Citizen Council. These projects have been funded by the U.S. General Services Administration and are the product of an eight-month planning process undertaken last year by the Intergovernmental Information Telecommunications and Technology (IITT) Task Force.

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